

VII. *On Butterflies recently received by Mr. Swanzy from West Africa.* By A. G. BUTLER, F.L.S., &c.

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I HAVE derived much pleasure from the examination of a small collection of Butterflies recently sent from West Africa by Mr. Ussher to my friend Mr. Andrew Swanzy.

Amongst the interesting species in this collection may be mentioned a very fine example of *Papilio Zalmoxis* of Hewitson, and two well-preserved specimens of *Harma Jodutta* of Westwood. There are also five species which appear to be new, belonging to the genera *Iaëra*, *Aterica*, *Romaleosoma*, *Philognoma*, and *Mycalesis*; the first two species will require further comparison, the others I describe as follows.

Genus ROMALEOSOMA, Blanchard.

Romaleosoma Lakuma, n. sp.

♀. Wings above, olive-brown: the front-wings tipped with white, and with a narrow, oblique, subapical ochreous band, beginning upon the costa, and terminating upon the third median branch; the costa deep blue; a narrow squamose blue stria beginning upon the inner margin, near the anal angle, and terminating just below the first median branch: hind-wings with a discal blue streak, running parallel to the outer margin, beginning upon the abdominal margin and tapering to the first subcostal branch.

Wings below, golden-green: front-wings tipped with white; a pale whitish oblique bar, answering to the ochreous band of the upper surface; black discoidal spots and submarginal chain-band, as in *R. Eupalus*: hind-wings with a broad angulate whitish band beyond the cell, beginning upon the costa and tapering to the third median branch; otherwise as in *R. Eupalus*.

Expanse of wings, 3 inches, 9 lines.

Hab.—Gold Coast. Coll. Swanzy.

Allied to *R. Eupalus* of Fabricius, and *R. Harpalyce* of Cramer, but agreeing with neither.

Genus PHILOGNOMA, Westwood.

Philognoma Ussheri, n. sp.

♂. Wings above, jet black; the base tinted with brown: front-wings with a nearly straight silky-white central transverse band, tinted below the median nervure with golden: hind-wings, except at the base and apex, bright fulvous, with black violet-pupilled ocelli, as in *P. Decius*, but smaller.

Wings below, nearly as in *P. Decius*, but more richly coloured, the central white band narrower, and much more regular; the subapical pink streak wanting in the hind-wings, the ocelli larger, and more clearly encircled with a black lunate streak at the anal angle.

Expanse of wings, 3 inches, 1 line.

Hab.—Gold Coast. Coll. Swanzy.

A beautiful novelty, allied to *P. Decius* of Fabricius.

Genus MYCALESIS, Hübner.

Mycalesis ignobilis, n. sp.

♀. Wings above, dusky-brown: the front-wings with two obsolete ocelli, as in *M. Eusirus*, a distinct oblique subapical white band, somewhat in the form of the figure 8; the apical and costal margins pale; a fine undulate submarginal line: hind-wings paler upon the outer margin, and with a dark submarginal waved line.

Wings below, dusky-brown, with three oblique pinky-white bands; margin brownish-white, enclosing a waved black line: front-wings with the white band of the upper surface broken up, uniting with the pale central band upon the costa, and forming part of the zones to the ocelli; two large ocelli, as in *M. Mineus*, *Gotama*, and others: hind-wings with two very large ocelli, one apical, and the other (which is the larger) sub-anal, also two small submarginal ocelli near the apex, and three at the anal angle.

Expanse of wings, 1 inch, 10 lines.

Hab.—Gold Coast. Coll. Swanzy.

Allied to *M. Xeneas* and *Eusirus*.